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Daily COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to encourage residents to be vaccinated against COVID-19. According to CDC guidelines, it is safe for fully vaccinated residents to forego wearing a mask in most instances.

Multiple providers are offering second doses only at Woodforest Stadium. **This site will close Tuesday, June 1st.** If you have questions, please call the Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916. The call center is available Monday - Thursday from 8:00am - 4:30pm or Friday from 8:00 - 4:00pm.

Other hospitals, physicians' offices, and pharmacies also have vaccines available for all adults. Please check their websites and Facebook pages for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the DSHS website

here: https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx.

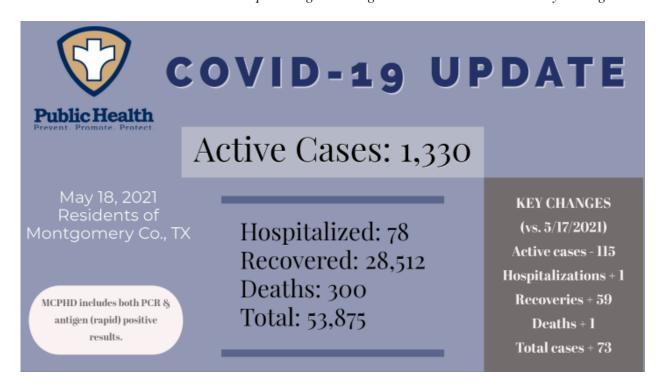
Today, we can confirm:

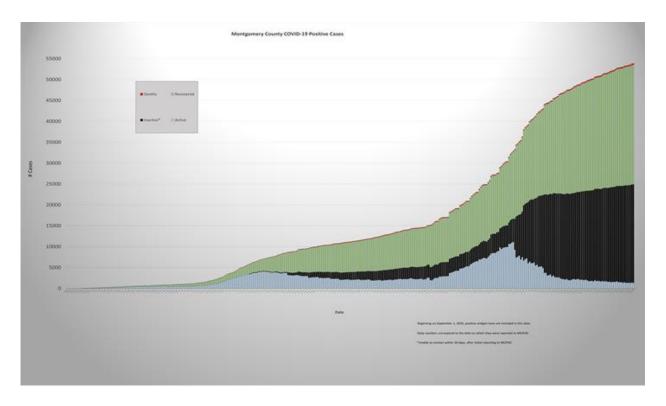
- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 73 to 53,875 since Monday's (5/17) report.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 115 to 1,330 since Monday's (5/17) report. On Tuesdays and Fridays, we account for additional inactive cases who we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more. Today, we added 128 inactive cases.
- 78 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 28,512 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 7%, down from 8%. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.







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PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Updated May 17, 2021 Numbers reflect county and non-county residents.

*Data represented in this graph is provided by SETRAC, as reported by hospitals in Montgomery County, Texas only. Only confirmed COVID-19 patients are included, regardless of residence. For more info: setrac.org. Total Hospitalized: 74 (- 3) ICU: 21 General/Isolation: 53

SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV. The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/.

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Get vaccinated.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household if you are NOT fully vaccinated. Never share a mask with others.
- Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

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